

# GEORGIA ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

*AΔK Monthly Newsletter of State President Norma Rushing*

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## CELEBRATING POSSIBILITIES

*Written by Norma Rushing*

It was wonderful to wake up to the crisp fall air this morning. I searched the trees for a hint of autumn color and found a little bit on the dogwood tree with its abundance of bright red berries. Also this week a hummingbird visited the flowers to fatten up for its journey south. If you would like a great zoom hummingbird program, contact Joy Pardee of Iota, Lynda Scofield of Beta, or Linda Johnson of Nu. A representative from the Atlanta Audubon Society does a wonderful program and introduces you to her resident hummingbird Sidney. But, I digressed - back to fall. The apple orchards and pumpkin farms in north Georgia are beckoning. Can't you smell Starbucks' Pumpkin Latte and fresh pumpkin bread? Take some time to enjoy the world around us and marvel in God's wonderful world. I am sure I bored many of you on Facebook with my many pictures of the five national parks in September, but I was amazed at the beauty of each mountain, valley, canyon, and tree. I can see in my mind the bright golden aspen trees. I

learned during Sunday's sermon that Aspen trees are one of the world's largest organisms. Their root system is connected. You may see me wearing my gold aspen leaf necklace at the fall district meetings.

We are still remembering Alpha Delta Kappa's active teachers as they are facing another difficult year in the classroom. This year was supposed to be a normal year, but the Delta Variant of COVID had other ideas. Please try to remain safe. We have had AΔK Sisters and their families pass away and many more have been sickened.

October is a special month for Alpha Delta Kappa. We are planning activities to honor our four founders and to be visible to the community. The Alpha Delta Kappa website says that during October, *"We come together to remember our Founders and to celebrate our membership in Alpha Delta Kappa. It was through the vision, dedication, and actions of Agnes Shipman Robertson, Marion Southall, Marie Neal, and Hattie Poppino that the state of Missouri in 1947 issued a charter incorporating Alpha Delta Kappa, allowing it to organize chapters in every state and around the globe. We honor our Founders!"*

Please check Jan McNeill's Fraternity Ed section on page four for ideas of ways to celebrate our founders. A special Founders' Day Program was written by Joyce McAloon, IVPNER, for International President Mollie Acosta's theme, "Share the Love." Go to the International website click on meetings, select chapter meetings, then select Founder's Ceremonies. This month, attend your chapter meeting, wear your AΔK shirt to school on casual Fridays, place an article in the local newspaper, get recognized by the Mayor, serve others through the various activities Lynn Malloy-Fuller has suggested and invite outstanding women educators to attend your chapter meeting.

It is with great sadness we received the news that our dear, sweet Past State President Sara Ann Birdsong has joined the Omega Chapter.



**Sara Ann Birdsong**  
**Georgia President 2008-2010**

Sara Ann Miller Birdsong, 79, loving wife of the late Claudus David Birdsong, Sr., entered into rest on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. Mrs. Sara was born in Gordon, Georgia and was a longtime resident of Appling. She received her Master's Degree in Elementary Education and taught school until her retirement from North Columbia Elementary School. During her teaching career, she taught and inspired many children including her sons. Sara Ann was a dedicated member of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority for Women Educators. From 2008-2010, she served as the Georgia state president of the sorority, and she held multiple officer positions during her decades of service to the organization. Sara Ann was a dedicated member of Kiokee Baptist Church and the Helen Pollard Sunday School Class.

Left to cherish her memory are, two sons, Claudus David (Paige) Birdsong, Jr. and Milton Miller (Bev) Birdsong, Sr.; seven grandchildren, Claudus David "Trey" Birdsong, III, William Franklin "Will" Birdsong, Milton Miller "Bo" (Hayley) Birdsong, Jr., Joshua Andrew Birdsong, Jordon Elisha Birdsong, Tyler Edward Birdsong and Thomas John Birdsong; and two special friends, Dora Nagles and Cecelia Powell.

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# Treasurer Forms Due Dates



## EXECUTIVE BOARD STATE TREASURER Terri Thompson

### Financial Forms Due

- 1) By October 15th -  
Chapter Treasurers:  
Complete 990-N IRS  
e-Postcard online  
between  
June 1 - Oct, 15, 2021  
Send a copy of the  
confirmation to  
State Treasurer  
Terri Thompson.
- 2) By November 1st -  
Chapter and District  
2021-2022 Budgets  
with a line item for  
Delegate Funding -  
Cornucopia  
Requirement.



## OCTOBER MONEY TALK

*with Terri Thompson, State Treasurer*

**FALL** into renewing your Alpha Delta Kappa membership by paying dues. Don't **LEAVE** the task undone. By now every member should have received her International Dues invoice from Headquarters where you have the option of paying only International dues one of three ways - online by PayPal, online by personal credit card or mail in a personal check with a copy of your invoice to Headquarters. A number of sisters have chosen to directly pay Headquarters by one of the methods mentioned above.

However, there is another option: You are still able to pay all dues and fees (International, State, District and Chapter) with one check to your chapter treasurer if your chapter decides to continue to collect dues the way it has been done in the past. Then the chapter treasurer will forward your dues to the appropriate place with a chapter roster showing which sisters are paying dues with the chapter check.

Because Headquarters is not issuing a H-138 Dues Payment form, a GA Chapter Roster will need to be included with the State Dues payment check and will meet the Cornucopia Requirements as voted on and approved by the GA Executive Board at their Fall Executive Board Meeting September 18, 2021. This NEW Georgia Chapter Roster Form will be sent to chapter treasurers very soon.

Chapter Treasurers, if you collect International dues, continue to include them as a line item in your 2021-2022 Chapter Budget. But if you are not collecting International dues, delete that item from your Chapter Budgets.

**Chapter & Districts Budgets are due by November 1, 2021.**

**Do Not Forget: by October 15, 2021 - 990-N IRS e-Postcard is filed online and then send a copy of the confirmation to State Treasurer Terri.**

**Happy Alpha Delta Kappa Month!**



*Text by Pippy Rogers*     **alzheimer's association®**  
LOTS of KUDOS and BIG HUGS to ALL GEORGIA SISTERS!  
We RAISED \$27,642 for Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Support.  
OUR TEAM WAS #1 in DONATIONS out of 73 Teams for the AΔK Global Team. Together, the AΔK Global Team Raised \$222,417.15 !!!  
DRUM ROLL/Cymbals Crashing...to our sisters of BETA GAMMA who Raised \$4,120 for Team GA! Your PRIZE is Coming!



## FRATERNITY EDUCATION

*Text by Jan McNeill*

Happy Alpha Delta Kappa Month! Happy Fall! I love seeing the beautiful leaves as they change colors! I'm from South Florida so I never saw trees turn colors until I went to college in Tallahassee! New experiences are good for both growing and enjoying! Just think of the excitement our Four Founders felt as they planned a new sorority for female educators in 1947! Look back at Feb. 2020, p.6; May 1995, pp.52-53; Sept. 2021, p.7, for some interesting tidbits I found about our Founders in previous KAPPANS. On the Alpha Delta Kappa website are several skits to have fun with this month as well as lots of word activities highlighting our Founders. In the Sept. 2020 KAPPAN, p.4, is a fun article entitled "Also Happening in 1947." See what historic tidbits you know, have heard about, or even experienced: \*Harry Truman in the White House \*Diary of Anne Frank published \*First televised World Series \*Earl Tupper invented Tupperware \*Jackie Robinson broke the baseball color line when he took the field for the Brooklyn Dodgers \*First class postage stamps were three cents \*The first new cars since WWII rolled off the assembly line \*The new look in fashions featured longer skirts, sharp shoulder pads and nipped in waists \*"Miracle on 34th Street" came to the screen in May \*Jello was a featured luncheon dish \*All the King's Men" won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction. At your October meeting for Fraternity Education, talk about these happenings and what each member knows, remembers, has a connection to - maybe! You and others may find other historic tidbits from the late forties that can be discussed for fun. I love TV shows that tell details about past happenings in the USA and in the world! You can also have your members take change from their wallets (or borrow coins from each other), pick out the oldest coin or one with a certain date on it, and tell why that coin is special to each sister. You can learn a great deal about each other through memories. Did anyone know or meet one of our Founders? Dress like a sister did in 1947 to present these tidbits or to search coins. Make it a time of both remembering our Four Founders as well as finding out more about each other. What could be more fun than learning about our sisters - past and present?! Enjoy October and its memories!



**Jan McNeill**  
**Fraternity Education**  
**Chairman**

Thanks Jan for leading  
us into the  
**WALK2ENDALZ!**  
Find your WALK sisters  
at [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk)



**Agnes Shipman Robertson**  
**Alpha Delta Kappa**  
**Founder**



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## DISASTER RELIEF

*Text by Sara Ratliff, Disaster Relief Chair*

Tickets will be six for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. Please send address labels for the number of tickets you wish to purchase. Make checks payable to GA Alpha Delta Kappa. The drawing will be in April at the state convention. We will probably do the purchase of tickets this way for the entire second half. Thank you to all who have purchased tickets and those who will.

Please remember all who have been in harm's way in Haiti, North Carolina and along the Gulf Coast and keep them in your prayers. Pray for sisters in the areas of the US battling wildfires and severe heat, as well as those in Northwest GA where heavy rains have led to falling trees. There are more storms on the way as I write. Prayers for safety.

Thank you to the Executive Board for approving the recommendation to send \$250 to the Foundation for use in their Disaster Relief efforts and for sending \$250 to the sisters of Louisiana.

Thank you again for your faithfulness to Alpha Delta Kappa sisters.



## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

*with Brenda Harris, Excellence in Education Chairman*



### Don't Be Late! Time Is Almost Up!



You have until Nov. 1st at 11:59 PM CST to submit your nominations for the Excellence in Education award.

So you have nominated a deserving sister for this prestigious award, what happens next?

1. Nominees will receive notification by Nov. 10th with a link to the Kaleidoscope application.
2. All applications must be submitted by the deadline of Jan. 15th.
3. After the deadline, the applicants will be adjudicated using the rubric found on the International Website by the EiE committee with the winner being announced at the state convention in April 2022.

So if, you have nominated a deserving sister, your job is not finished until she has successfully submitted her application to International. Let's make this Georgia's time for the Regional, then the International EiE winner!

## CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

*with Pippy Rogers, State Candidate Qualifications Chairman*

EVERY SISTER KNOWS WHAT LEADERSHIP LOOKS LIKE...  
YOU FEEL IT IN THE ROOM WHEN YOUR SISTERS ARE IN  
ACTION... HEARING THEM SPEAK GIVES YOU POSITIVE  
THOUGHTS FOR ... LEADERS OF OUR CHAPTERS, DISTRICTS,  
AND STATE



### SHARE THE AΔK LOVE...

REACH OUT AND TOUCH YOUR SISTERS... ASK THEM TO  
OFFER THEIR TALENTS, SKILLS, AND LEADERSHIP TO OUR  
ORGANIZATION. CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS  
COMMITTEE...  
IS WAITING FOR YOU!

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*Text by Robin Dudley, Bylaws Chair*

### Attention Chapter Presidents

As we begin the second half of our 2020-2022 biennium, it is time to create your

### Chapter Policies and Procedures,

if your Chapter does not have them. I have sent our District Chairman the list of Chapters that need to develop their Chapter Policies and Procedures. They will be in touch with those Chapter Presidents in their District that need to complete this task by:

**March 1st, 2022.**

Chapters that would like to see some samples of Policies and Procedures that other Chapters have developed can email me and I will send them to them.

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## ALPHA DELTA KAPPA MONTH

*Text by Lynn Malloy Fuller*

Happy Fall to all of you! The time draws nigh for the Sisters of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa to decide, from the many varied activities, which to choose for your Alpha Delta Kappa Month projects. I have sent each District Chairman the 2021 form and a compiled list of many things to help with your decisions concerning "What should we do?". A mighty THANK YOU goes to Mary Ann Meeks for compiling my lists together and making them compatible for forwarding, downloading and/or printing. Every chapter should have a copy. Please remember, I must receive the Alpha Delta Kappa Month form by December 1, 2021. I applaud each chapter for everything you do in the name of Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa! Y'all are fabulous!!

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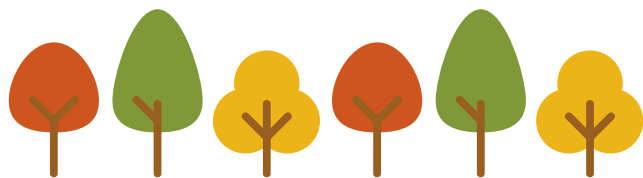


**Alpha Delta Kappa Month**  
**Lynn Malloy Fuller**



**Celebrating our**  
**Golden Sister**  
**Mary Hammonds**  
**Tau Chapter**





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## CALENDAR REMINDERS

### Other events and due dates:

District Chairmen and Chairmen-Elect Meeting - Jan 22  
April 22-24, 2022 GA State Convention - Callaway Gardens  
July 10-13, 2022 Gulf Region Conference,  
Southbanks Hotel. Jacksonville, FL

### Due Dates

990-N IRS e-Postcard filed online by October 15  
Confirmation sent to Terri Thompson, State Treasurer

Nov. 1 - Chapter and District Budgets sent to Terri Thompson,  
State Treasurer

Nov. 1 - Excellence In Education Nominations

December 1- Alpha Delta Kappa Month Form due

### FALL 2021 District Meetings

Oct. 2 Columbus District  
Rosemont Baptist Church  
LaGrange, GA

Oct. 21 Tri-District - Virtual

Oct. 23 Augusta District - Virtual

Oct. 30 Athens District  
First Baptist Church  
Toccoa, GA

Nov. 6 Dalton District - Virtual

### Spring 2022 District Meetings

Feb. 5 Albany and Heart of Georgia  
Feb. 12 Columbus  
Feb. 19 Marietta  
Feb. 26 Golden Isles  
Mar. 5 Atlanta  
Mar. 12 Augusta  
Mar. 19 Dalton  
Mar. 26 Athens  
April 2 Decatur



*Presidents and  
Advisory Council*

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*Linda Reddick  
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*Linda Guyer  
Fidelis Xi*

*Laureen Murray O'Neil  
Omicron  
New Baby Ashton*

*Sara Ann Birdsong's Family*

*Melba Priestley  
Past State President*

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*Text and photo by Sharon Rorex*



*Today  
Today, be kind.  
Today, be hopeful.  
Today, be gentle.  
Today, be love.  
Today, be the good.  
This world needs you.  
Today.*

---words by Rachel Marie Martin

## PAGES AND PEARLS BOOK CLUB

*with Jennifer Smith, Dalton District Chairman*

Autumn Greetings, sisters, from Pages and Pearls Book Club. Our next Book Chat via Zoom will be October 12, 2021 at 8:00 eastern. Greenlights by Matthew McConaughey won the vote and will be the topic of a sure to be lively discussion. Second place, my vote, was Educated, by Tara Westover. Greenlights does have some "bad boy language," as one sister described it!

For our Read-A-Thon in September, we each read a book of our choice on schools, students, education or teachers. I chose The Library, by Bella Osborne. It's a story of an unlikely friendship between Maggie, a seventy two year old widow and Tom, a high school student with a troubled home life. They meet through circumstances related to the Compton Mallow Village Library in England. The rich character development of Maggie and Tom allowed me to see within their souls and feel their bond through literacy, books, and a book club. 5 stars!

For info on joining Pages & Pearls, contact me at 423 504-5727 or 77jennifersusiesmith@gmail.com.



**Concerns**  
**Classroom Teachers**  
**Families with COVID**  
**Sisters with deaths of spouses and family**

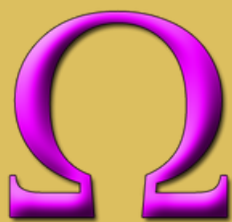


**Executive Board  
Chaplain  
Sharon Rorex**



**Jennifer Smith  
Committee Member  
"Pages and Pearls  
Book Club"  
in  
Alpha Delta Kappa  
Connect**





## *Omega*

*Dottie Casper  
Fidelis Nu*

*Janice Ballew Lemonds Elrod  
Alpha Eta*

*Maurine Pittman  
Gamma*

*Debbie Oliver  
Alpha Nu*

*Sara Ann Birdsong  
Alpha Epsilon*



## *Violets*

*Monica Landis'  
Gamma Beta  
Chattanooga Valley Elem.  
Assistant Principal*

*Abbie Anderson  
Beta Iota  
Hoganville Elem  
Teacher of the Year*

*Beth Foster  
Beta Epsilon  
Osbourne High school  
Cobb County Teacher of the Year*



*Text and photos by Norma Rushing*

- The "Delta Variant" of COVID is running rampant across our state. I know many chapters were hoping they could meet face to face this fall. Please be mindful of the COVID numbers in your community and your chapter members to determine the safest venture for your chapter. Even if you meet in person, please offer a virtual option. Last year we had members attend virtually who had not been able to attend in the past.
- Start considering what office and leadership role you would be willing to do at the chapter, district and state level for the next biennium. To be an effective community (chapter) each person is valuable and shares the tasks
- Start sending your newsletters and minutes to Norma Rushing, Debbie Boswell, your District Chairman, and Chapter Mentor. Seven sets of minutes and 5 newsletters are due this year by April 1.
- Debbie Clark at the Executive Board asked sisters to follow these protocol procedures:
  - Since there are only 4 workers at Headquarters, please address any concerns first to your District Officers, then state, then IVP before calling International.
  - Continue to update any changes in chapter rosters--email, telephone numbers, addresses or change in status--Limited, etc...
  - When filling out forms for International (for example, the Distinguished Program Award), always look at the rubric to make sure you have all of the essential information.
- I will be sharing an invitation from International President Mollie Acosta to "Share the Love" zoom meeting on Oct. 7 and Dec. 2. The invitations hopefully will be an attachment with the newsletter.



Ellen Nelson, Athens Fidelis Nu  
Shared this picture of GA's ITE Student  
Ten Years Ago

**Rutchelle Enriquez**  
**The Philippines**





## WORLD UNDERSTANDING THROUGH TRAVEL

*Text and photos by Dawn Hudson*

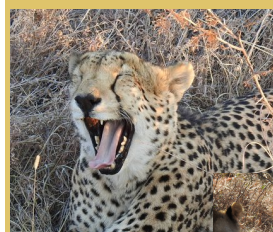
Arguably the best education for my students and daughters happen when we go on field trips/travel.

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts" - Mark Twain

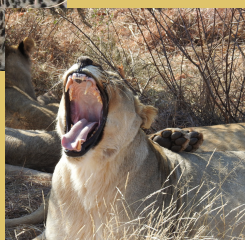
My dad, aunt, father-in-law and husband all worked for airlines and so I've been spoiled since I was 8 years old traveling the world. Travel makes you appreciate the cultural diversity within the US in addition to the world. Covid has put a halt to many of our travels, but my family and I traveled to Madikwe Reserve in South Africa last month to celebrate my daughter's college graduation. Much like trying to describe the Grand Canyon after visiting it when younger, the videos and photos do not compare to being there. The photos here look much like those you can find on Google - but to capture the yawns when only 10 feet away from a cheetah or lion in a safari jeep is indescribable. Trying to put the size of elephants in perspective to a reader is nearly impossible, but maybe the photo on the upper left helps? **Feeling** the rumbles of the elephants communicating with "infrasounds" we cannot hear with our ears, watching the speed of a cheetah as it chases a zebra, and feeling the chill in the air in August (winter there) all give you a new perspective.

True to AΔK sisterhood, traveling also gives an opportunity for altruism - taking supplies to local schools, donating travel size soaps and shampoos and supporting local charities. Often, you realize we have more in common with people in other cultures than differences as you begin to appreciate others' perspectives using an expanded world-view.

I look forward to traveling more as the world begins to open back up. I would love to be able to visit some of the schools we support through our International World Understanding donations. Who is ready to go with me?

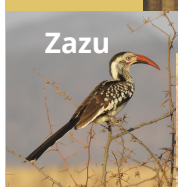
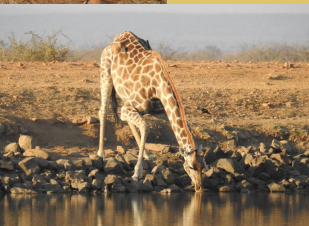


**Fierce?  
Nope -  
yawning!**



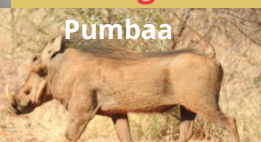
**How big is  
an  
elephant?  
Dawn is  
5'11" tall  
with  
elephant  
femurs (leg  
bones)**

**A giraffe is  
most  
vulnerable  
when bent  
over  
drinking**



**Zazu**

**Lion King Stars**



**Pumbaa**



**Simba**



**Crimson  
breasted Shrike**



**Rhinoceros**



**Dwarf Mongoose**



**Wildebeest**



**Lilac breasted  
Roller**



**Impala**



**Zebra**



**Male Steenbok**



**Giraffe**



**Endangered  
African Wild Dog**



**Black backed Jackal**



**African Buffalo**



**Elephant**



## COURTESY/HOSPITALITY EXECUTIVE BOARD FOCUS

*Text and photos by Betty Cropper*

I am a real country girl. I grew up on a dairy farm in the Appalachian mountains of Virginia. I can actually milk a cow by hand. Since my state left out the 7th grade so the boys could be drafted into the Korean War, I graduated high school at 16. I turned 17 the day I enrolled at Mary Washington College of the University of VA (now the University of Mary Washington). I majored in Biology/Chemistry planning to go to Medical school. God had other plans for me. I now have an MEd in middle Grades education from GA State University in 1993.

I taught school for 35 years before retiring in 2006 from public school. I taught every grade except Kindergarten and 4th grade including high school Chemistry and Biology. After I retired I went back to work at KSU as an instructor supervising student teachers in middle grades education. I've been in education for 49 years so far.

I've been a member of Theta chapter of GA Alpha Delta Kappa since 1993. I have served as chapter president (currently co-president), Atlanta District Chair, Cornucopia chair, Recording secretary of GA Alpha Delta Kappa, and now serve as Courtesy/hospitality chair for Georgia. I love my job. I missed having a hospitality suite this past summer.



**Courtesy/Hospitality  
Betty Cropper**



**VP of Scholarships**

## Scholarships & Grants

*Text and photos by Shannon Cole, VP Scholarship*

Fall is upon us. Hope everyone is starting to see the colors change and the temperatures cool. While breaking out the pumpkins and cider, take a few minutes to apply for the Regional Mini-Scholarships. Deadline is **October 15**. They are for activities taking place between Nov 15, 2021-May 15, 2022. The Regional Mini-Scholarships can be used for non-Alpha Delta Kappa-sponsored conferences, classes or workshops. All MEMBERS engaged in education or retired from education are eligible to apply. The amount awarded is \$1,500 per region, with up to \$500 awarded per scholarship.

We are still looking to do shout outs to past Scholarship & Grant recipients in order to inspire sisters to participate in the varied opportunities afforded us as sisters of Alpha Delta Kappa and Georgia Alpha Delta Kappa. Please email me, [leigh2870@hotmail.com](mailto:leigh2870@hotmail.com), if you are a past recipient or know a past recipient. Photos are also welcomed.

Lastly, keep in mind the State Scholarship and the Past Presidents Scholarship. Athens District, I have heard through the grapevine you all are already diligently looking for heirs & a spare as your district will receive the State Scholarships this spring. Gooo Athens Sisters! We have also put out a challenge to all sisters to double the number of applicants receiving the Past Presidents Scholarship. The goal number this year is 8. The Magic 8 ball has been asked, "Will we double the number of applicants?" It has been shaken and it says, "Signs point to yes." Have a wonderful October and don't forget to put out your Jack O' Lanterns.



**My Cat O' Lantern to match my  
black cat Dozer.**



**Vice President for  
Membership  
Suzi Bonifay**

## MEMBERSHIP

*Text and photos by Suzi Bonifay*

Here's hoping that you have had time to review the September 7th email containing the attachments on Recruitment, Retention, Reinstatement, Programs, Leadership or other. Sending you individual guides was the most expeditious way to get the information in your hands. Feel free to contact me for individual assistance.

Start now with your Chapter membership teams thinking about possible new members or members who may wish to be reinstated now that their life circumstances have changed. New members infuse life into our organization. That said, great programs and altruistic projects also speak to the hearts and minds of current members. In addition, growing strong leaders is vital to our survival. Find those with talent and mentor them.

Please share the October Cornerstone with your chapter's leaders and members to be read at your chapter meeting and use the Membership Trifold as a recruitment tool. If you need a copy, just let me know.

## PRESIDENT-ELECT

*Text by Debbie Boswell*

Fall brings many fun events for families, schools, communities and yes Alpha Delta Kappa. As I read our GA 101 reports, it warms my heart to see the many fun events planned for not only fall, but winter and spring. Thank you for fulfilling the dreams of our Founders by providing Personal Enrichment, Professional Development, Altruism, World Understanding and Educational Excellence as you made plans for 2020-21. Always keeping in mind FELLOWSHIP and Sisterhood.

I noticed a few chapters are inviting chapters to join them for special programs. What a great way to build relationships.

With the plans and programs planned I hope that you will consider applying for International's Distinguished Program Award. Make sure to document any prospective members or visitors who visit your chapter in person or via zoom. Our Gulf Region IVP and GA Past President Debbie Clark encourages everyone to be mindful of the RUBRIC as you work through the Distinguished Program Award application.

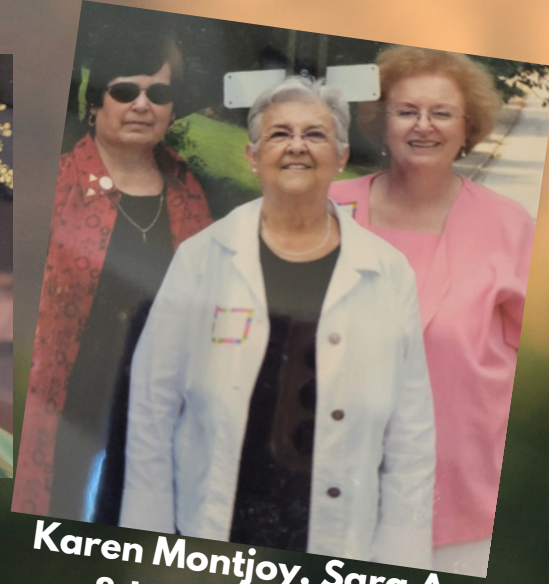
It is not too soon to start making your plans to attend the GA STATE CONVENTION April 22-24 at Callaway Gardens. Callaway Gardens is beautiful any season of the year but especially in the Spring. One sister told me she has her little jar and is saving her loose change. She knows those pennies and dimes add up quickly! Look for updates as plans begin to be finalized.

Please reach out to me if I can ever help you with anything. If I don't have the answer I will find someone who does!  
Enjoy this wonderful weather! Debbie



**Debbie Boswell  
President - Elect**





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**Karen Montjoy, Sara Ann  
& Linda Chambers**



*Remembering  
Sara Ann Birdsong  
State President 2008-2010*



**Sara Ann & Betty  
Cropper**



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